

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW OF)	ADMINISTRATIVE
CUSTOMER-OWNED, COIN-OPERATED)	CASE NO. 337
TELEPHONE REGULATION)	

O R D E R

On December 6, 1991, South Central Bell filed its COCOT tariff and, in response to motions to suspend the tariff, has agreed to an extension of the Commission's review period to January 20, 1992.

Intellicall and Coin Phone Management request that the tariff be suspended and that South Central Bell be required to strike the phrase "and 0+" from Section A7.4.1.A.20.c of Tariff 2A, to suspend the second and third indented sentences in the preamble in Section E.8 of Tariff 2E and clarify that the "completion" requirement of Section A7.4.1.A.3 of Tariff 2A refers to transmission or carriage and does not prevent COCOTs from furnishing operator services for intraLATA calls both toll and local.

On January 3, 1992, Americall Dial-0 Services, Inc. filed a motion to reject or suspend South Central Bell's tariff stating that the tariff as proposed goes far beyond the scope of the Commission's Orders in Administrative Case No. 337 and is inconsistent with the Commission's Orders authorizing intraLATA competition.

In a letter filed January 6, 1992, South Central Bell contends that its tariff is in compliance with the Commission's Orders in this proceeding requiring that in equal access areas 0+ intraLATA calls shall not be intercepted or blocked. South Central Bell also notes that the Commission's Orders do not specify an exemption for the provision of service to correctional or mental health facilities.

In further response to the motions, South Central Bell filed a response on January 13, 1992 asserting that its proposed tariff is consistent with the Commission's requirements in this proceeding. South Central Bell asserts that COCOTs are not currently authorized to provide operator services for intraLATA calls and its tariff merely reflects this restriction. South Central Bell states that since all of its end offices are equal access, the Commission's Order clearly requires that "0-" and "0+" intraLATA calls be delivered to South Central Bell's network as dialed by the end user. South Central Bell also contends that the Commission's clarification contained in the November 8, 1991 Order about intraLATA service still leaves with the local exchange carriers all 0+ intraLATA traffic.

On January 14, 1992, Intellicall filed a letter in reply to South Central Bell's response, again urging suspension of certain portions of South Central Bell's COCOT tariff. Intellicall contends that COCOT store and forward telephones were permitted to provide operator services for "0+" calls so long as they are transported over the LEC network.

On January 16, 1992, AmeriCall Dial-0 Services, Inc. filed a letter requesting rejection of South Central Bell's tariff based on related arguments. The Commission has determined that providers of service through store and forward or smart phones are the equivalent of operator service providers. The Commission has also determined in Administrative Case No. 330¹ that operator services providers are not authorized to provide intraLATA service at this time.

South Central Bell's tariff is consistent with the Orders in this proceeding, and therefore the tariff will not be suspended. Upon implementation of intraLATA competition, the intraLATA operator services market will be open to competition, but until such time such competition has not been authorized. Furthermore, consistent with the Commission's October 7, 1991 Order in this matter "0+" intraLATA calls upon the implementation of intraLATA competition shall not be intercepted or blocked.

The Commission will, however, require modification of those portions of South Central Bell's tariff which address the inmate services to the following extent: Inmate phone service will only provide automated collect or debit card service for local and long-distance calls from pay phones located at correctional or mental health facilities in accordance with institutionally authorized telephone programs.

¹ Administrative Case No. 330, Policy and Procedures in the Provision of Operator-Assisted Telecommunications Services.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The motions of Intellicall and Coin Phone Management and Dial-0 to suspend South Central Bell's tariff are hereby denied.

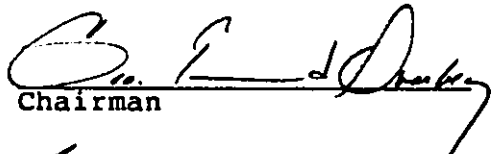
2. The tariff of South Central Bell for COCOT service shall be modified to reflect the following: Inmate phone service will only provide automated collect and debit card service for local and long-distance calls from pay phones located at correctional or mental health facilities.

3. South Central Bell's tariff for COCOT services shall be effective for services rendered on and after January 20, 1992 subject to the modification specified in ordering paragraph 2 herein.

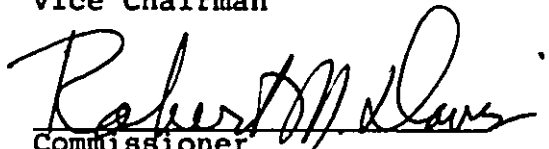
4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, South Central Bell shall file tariff revisions in compliance with this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of January, 1992.

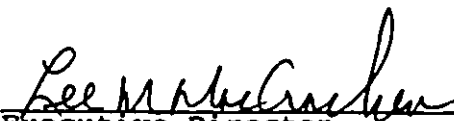
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